

Preliminary Amendment

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8. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a film of heat-resistant material selected from polyesters, polyamides, polyimides, polycarbonates, polysulphones, polypropylene and cellophane.
9. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the coating has a thickness in the range 0.5 to 5.0 μ m.
10. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, further comprising a subcoat between the substrate and coating.

12. (Amended) A thermal transfer medium according to claim 1, wherein the other surface of the substrate has a heat-resistant backcoat.
15. (Amended) A method of forming an overlay on a receiver material, comprising superposing a thermal transfer medium in accordance with claim 1 and a receiver material; and applying localised heating to the thermal transfer medium to form an overlay on the receiver material.
17. (Amended) Receiver material bearing an overlay produced by the method of claim 15.
19. (Amended) Receiver material according to claim 17, wherein the receiver material has an image-receiving surface comprising vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate copolymer.
20. (Amended) Receiver material according to claim 17 in the form of an identification card bearing a full colour image produced by thermal transfer printing and text and/or a bar code produced by mass transfer printing of colorant.

Please refer to the attached Appendix for changes made to the above claims.